



# Catholic Healthcare West

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## KOMEN PHOENIX GRANTS \$164,000 TO CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST

**CHANDLER and GILBERT, Ariz. (July 7, 2008)** – The Phoenix Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® awarded a community grant of \$165,000 to CHW Foundation – East Valley, the Cancer Center at Chandler Regional Medical Center, Chandler Regional Medical Center, and Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, all members of Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), in collaboration with Ironwood Oncology Associates for its Community Mammography Services at this year’s Annual Fulfilling the Promise Luncheon. This grant will be used to provide breast cancer screening, education, and treatment for uninsured women age 40 and over who live in Maricopa County and have not had a mammogram within the last 12 months. This grant is part of more than \$2.3 million awarded this year by the Komen Phoenix Affiliate, and surpasses its 2007 figure of \$2.1 million.

“Combining the grant dollars with many in-kind and low-cost resources, as well as the commitment of medical and professional staff and volunteers, we will be able to provide and document treatment services for those medically underserved, uninsured or underinsured individuals who are in need of treatment,” said Kathleen Dowler, R.N., director of Community Integration for Chandler Regional Medical Center and Mercy Gilbert Medical Center. She notes that the number of individuals served will vary depending on the individualized treatment required by each diagnosis. “This funding is an investment in healthcare in our community.”

The grant will be used to leverage resources to benefit our community by providing medically underserved, uninsured or underinsured men and women with assistance through the treatment process to facilitate and increase their access to quality care. It will also help reduce the cost barriers involved with receiving necessary and adequate treatment. This includes items such as transportation, childcare, the cost of the service and lost wages. The grant will also allow CHW to serve as a patient advocate by

remediating the cultural barriers to receiving breast cancer treatment, helping us to provide individualized, compassion and quality care.

The 2008 grants consist of more than \$1.8 million in distribution to local outreach and direct service programs: \$888,500 for breast cancer treatment, \$776,289 for breast cancer screening, and \$188,324 for breast health education. More than \$519,000 will fund the national Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Award and Research Grant Program for groundbreaking breast cancer research and scientific programs around the world. Since its inception in 1993, the Komen Phoenix Affiliate has raised and granted more than \$13 million to fight breast cancer.

“Our goal is to distribute funds to as many organizations as possible, providing means for each organization to fulfill the Komen mission – to provide vital breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment services,” stated Fran Goldstein, grants director for the Komen Phoenix Affiliate. “The grants serve a critical need for those medically underserved Arizonans who may not otherwise have access to these services. We are thrilled with the amount of money we will be granting this year.”

“We appreciate the tremendous support from our many donors, sponsors and all the Komen Phoenix Race for the Cure participants that enable us to fund this record amount and make an impact in our efforts to end breast cancer forever,” stated Pat Elder, executive director of the Komen Phoenix Affiliate. “Through our grants program we address the ongoing breast health needs in our community while continuing the vital research that takes us closer to finding a cure for this terrible disease that affects so many.”

#### **About Catholic Healthcare West**

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) is the eighth largest hospital system in the nation and one of the largest not-for-profit hospital providers in the West. Founded in 1986, the CHW network of more than 8,500 physicians and approximately 50,000 employees serve a population spanning 22 million people at 43 hospitals across California, Arizona, and Nevada. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable healthcare services with special attention to the poor and underserved. In fiscal year 2007, CHW provided \$922 million in charity care, community benefits, and unreimbursed patient care. CHW facilities in Arizona include Chandler Regional Medical Center, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute, CHW Urgent Cares in Ahwatukee, Gilbert and Queen Creek, Sun Lakes Laboratory, Warner Outpatient Surgery and the Arizona Orthopedic Surgical Hospital. For more information, please visit our Website at [www.chwHEALTH.org](http://www.chwHEALTH.org).

#### **About Chandler Regional Medical Center**

Chandler Regional Medical Center is a 225-bed, acute-care, non-for-profit provider of emergency care, maternal child services, cardiovascular services, wound healing, cancer treatment, diabetes treatment, and diagnostic services. It is located at 475 S. Dobson Road (corner of Dobson Road and Frye Road) in Chandler. For more information, please

visit [www.chandlerregional.org](http://www.chandlerregional.org) or call 480-728-3000. Chandler Regional Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For employment opportunities please contact the Human Resources Department at 480-728-3424. For information on physician referrals or community classes and support groups, please contact the ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414 or [resourcelink@chw.edu](mailto:resourcelink@chw.edu).

**About Mercy Gilbert Medical Center**

Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is located at the intersection of Val Vista Drive and Loop 202 (south of Pecos Road and east of Val Vista Drive). Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is a four-story, full-service acute-care facility with 92 beds. Expansion of the second tower is underway and will open in February 2008 adding 90 beds and a pediatric and adolescent unit. For more information, please visit [www.mercygilbert.org](http://www.mercygilbert.org) or call 480-728-8000. Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For employment opportunities please contact the Human Resources Department at 480-728-8396. For information on physician referrals or community classes and support groups, please contact the ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414 or [resourcelink@chw.edu](mailto:resourcelink@chw.edu).

**About Susan G. Komen for the Cure®**

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and launched the global breast cancer movement. Today, Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. Thanks to events like the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure®, it has invested nearly \$1 billion to fulfill that promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world. For more information about Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, breast health or breast cancer, visit [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org) or call 1-877 GO KOMEN. For more information about Komen for the Cure and its Phoenix Affiliate, call (602) 544-CURE (2873), or visit the organization online at [www.komenphoenix.org](http://www.komenphoenix.org).